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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT TO JAPAN BY JORDANIAN CROWN PRINCE AND
JAPANESE AID TO JORDAN

REFS: (A) AMMAN 1610; (B) TOKYO 2370; (C) STATE 52101

SUMMARY: GOJ WAS UNABLE TO RECEIVE JORDANIAN CROWN PRINCE AT
THIS TIME BECAUSE SENIOR MINISTERS ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE,
AID PROPOSALS HAVE NOT BEEN THOROUGHLY STAFFED OUT, AND
SECURITY SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF TOOK OCCASION OF DISCUSSION OTHER SUBJECTS WITH
FONOFF MIDDLE EAST DIV HEAD YAMAMOTO TO PROBE GOJ ATTITUDES
TOWARD PROPOSED VISIT TO JAPAN BY JORDANIAN CROWN PRINCE.
CONVERSATION ALSO TOUCHED ON POSSIBILITIES FOR GOJ AID TO JORDAN.

2. YAMAMOTO DESCRIBED HISTORY OF DISCUSSIONS ON VISIT AS
FOLLOWS. INITIALLY, GOJ TOLD JORDANIANS THAT JAPAN WOULD WELCOME
VISIT. HOWEVER, WHEN JORDANIANS INDICATED PREFERRED TIMING, GOJ
RESPONDED THAT THIS TIMEFRAME WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR
FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) DIET WOULD BE IN SESSION AND UNDER JAPANESE SYSTEM
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ALL MINISTERS MUST REMAIN AT DISPOSAL OF DIET DURING THIS PERIOD; THIS FACT MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FIRM SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS IN ADVANCE;

(B) SECURITY OF CROWN PRINCE POSED SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH POLICE SAID THEY COULD HANDLE PROVIDED THEY WERE GIVEN FREE HAND TO IMPOSE MAXIMUM SECURITY MEASURES , WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY BECAUSE JAPAN HAS RECENTLY BEEN ON SPECIAL ALERT DUE TO MOVEMENTS OF KNOWN ARAB RADICALS;

(C) JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD ONLY RECENTLY PRESENTED PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION WHICH GOJ HAD INSUFFICIENT TIME TO STUDY AND STAFF OUT; WITH RESULT THAT GOJ WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO MAKE FIRM COMMITMENTS IF CROWN PRINCE VISITED AT THIS TIME. YAMAMOTO THEN SAID THAT JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONDED BY SUGGESTING CROWN PRINCE COME STRICTLY FOR 1-2 DAY QTE STOPOVER UNQTE DURING WHICH TIME, HOWEVER, HE STILL WISHED TO CALL ON PRIMIN, FONMIN, FINMIN AND MINISTER INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY. WHEN GOJ INDICATED THESE APPOINTMENTS COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED, CROWN PRINCE ABANDONED IDEA OF STOPPING IN JAPAN.

3. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF' S QUESTION, YAMAMOTO SAID GOJ HAD SUGGESTED THAT CP POSTPONE VISIT BUT HAD NOT PROPOSED SPECIFIC TIMING. YAMAMOTO DENIED THAT GOJ WAS IN ANY WAY MOTIVATED BY FEAR OF OFFENDING MORE RADICAL ARAB STATES IN RECEIVING CP OR EXTENDING ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN SINCE, IN FONOFF' S VIEW, SUCH MOVES WOULD OFFEND NO COUNTRY WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF LIBYA.

4. YAMAMOTO SAID GOJ IS AWARE OF JORDAN' S NEED FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BUT FINDS IT BUREAUCRATICALLY DIFFICULT TO GRAPPLE WITH PROBLEM IN ABSENCE OF EMBASSY IN EITHER CAPITAL. HE CONCLUDED THAT EARLY ACTION ON ASSISTANCE TO JORDAN IS THEREFORE UNLIKELY. ON OTHER HAND, HE NOTED SOME PROGRESS IN PRIVATE SECTOR, WITH MITSUBISHI PLANNING INVESTMENT IN PHOSPHATE PRODUCTION. SEMI- GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGENCY IS ALSO PROVIDING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH EARTH SATELLITE STATION. SHOESMITH

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